

## PRINTER'S AFFIDAVIT (2021-2022)

I, ALBERT FRANK, being duly sworn, depose and say:

1. That I prepared the attached petition proof.
2. That the size of the petition is 8.5 inches by 14 inches.
3. That the circulator compliance statement ("If the circulator of this petition does not comply . . .") is printed in 12-point type.
4. That the heading of the petition is presented in the following form and printed in capital letters in 14-point boldface type:

INITIATIVE PETITION  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION  
or  
INITIATION OF LEGISLATION  
or  
REFERENDUM OF LEGISLATION  
PROPOSED BY INITIATIVE PETITION

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5. That the summary of the purpose of the proposal is printed in 12-point type and does not exceed 100 words in length.
6. That the words, "We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors . . ." are printed in 8-point type.
7. That the two warning statements and language contained therein are printed in 12-point boldface type.
8. That the words, "CIRCULATOR – Do not sign or date . . ." are printed in 12-point boldface type.
9. That the balance of the petition is printed in 8-point type.
10. That the font used on the petition is Helvetica Neue
11. That to the best of my knowledge and belief, the petition conforms to the petition form standards prescribed by Michigan Election Law.

Printer's Signature

Name of Sponsor of Proposal

Subscribed and sworn to (or affirmed) before me on this 8th day of February, 2022.

Signature of Notary Public

Notary Public, State of Michigan, County of Wayne

Acting in the County of Wayne (where required).

My commission expires April 16, 2022.

Marsha J. Johnson

Printed Name of Notary Public



The circulator of this petition is a (mark one):  
☐ paid signature gatherer   ☐ volunteer signature gatherer.

INITIATIVE PETITION  
AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

A proposal amending the Michigan constitution to explicitly provide that the right to vote is a fundamental right and to prevent the Legislature from enacting any law that imposes an undue burden on the right to vote beyond the qualifications of citizenship, residence, age, and registration. The proposal also requires that any law enacted by the Legislature whose purpose is to guard against abuses of the electoral process, be supported by specific legislative findings, based on substantial evidence that any abuse it is intended to prevent has occurred or there is a substantial likelihood that it will occur.

The full text of the proposed amendment appears on the reverse side of this petition, along with provisions of the existing constitution which would be altered or abrogated if the proposal is adopted.  
The provisions of the existing constitution that are being altered or abrogated are as follows: Article II, Sections 1 and 4.

We, the undersigned qualified and registered electors, residents in the county of \_\_\_\_\_, state of Michigan, respectively petition for amendment to constitution.

**WARNING – A person who knowingly signs this petition more than once, signs a name other than his or her own, signs when not a qualified and registered elector, or sets opposite his or her signature on a petition, a date other than the actual date the signature was affixed, is violating the provisions of the Michigan election law.**

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CERTIFICATE OF CIRCULATOR

The undersigned circulator of the above petition asserts that he or she is 18 years of age or older and a United States citizen; that each signature on the petition was signed in his or her presence; that he or she has neither caused nor permitted a person to sign the petition more than once and has no knowledge of a person signing the petition more than once; and that, to his or her best knowledge and belief, each signature is the genuine signature of the person purporting to sign the petition, the person signing the petition was at the time of signing a registered elector of the city or township indicated preceding the signature, and the elector was qualified to sign the petition.

☐ If the circulator is not a resident of Michigan, the circulator shall make a cross or check mark in the box provided, otherwise each signature on this petition sheet is invalid and the signatures will not be counted by a filing official. By making a cross or check mark in the box provided, the undersigned circulator asserts that he or she is not a resident of Michigan and agrees to accept the jurisdiction of this state for the purpose of any legal proceeding or hearing that concerns a petition sheet executed by the circulator and agrees that legal process served on the Secretary of State or a designated agent of the Secretary of State has the same effect as if personally served on the circulator.

**WARNING – A circulator knowingly making a false statement in the above certificate, a person not a circulator who signs as a circulator, or a person who signs a name other than his or her own as circulator is guilty of a misdemeanor.**



**CIRCULATOR – Do not sign or date certificate until after circulating petition.**

(Signature of Circulator)

(Date)

(Printed Name of Circulator)

(Complete Residence Address (Street and Number or Rural Route) [Do not enter a Post Office Box.]

(City or Township, State, Zip Code)

(County of Registration, If Registered to Vote, of a Circulator who is not a Resident of Michigan)

# INITIATIVE PETITION AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

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The proposal, if adopted, would amend Article I by adding a new Section 28, and amend Article II, Sections 1 and 4 (new language capitalized, deleted language struck out with a line)

## Article I – Declaration of Rights § 28 VOTING.

Sec. 28. THE RIGHT TO VOTE IS A FUNDAMENTAL RIGHT THAT SHALL BE PROMOTED AND ENCOURAGED BY THE STATE BY TAKING ALL REASONABLE STEPS NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CITIZEN RESIDING IN THIS STATE WHO IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE IN ALL ELECTIONS.

## Article II - Elections

### § 1 Qualifications of electors; residence.

Sec. 1. Every citizen of the United States who has attained the age of 21 years, who has resided in this state six months, and who meets the requirements of local residence provided by law, shall be an elector and qualified to vote in any election except as otherwise provided in this constitution. EXCEPT AS OTHERWISE PROVIDED BY THIS CONSTITUTION, ANY PERSON SHALL BE AN ELECTOR AND QUALIFIED TO VOTE IN ANY ELECTION WHO IS:

- (A) A CITIZEN OF THE UNITED STATES;
  - (B) A RESIDENT OF THE STATE OF MICHIGAN;
  - (C) AT LEAST EIGHTEEN YEARS OF AGE; AND
  - (D) LAWFULLY REGISTERED TO VOTE IN THE ELECTION.
- The legislature shall define residence for voting purposes. ALL ELECTIONS SHALL BE FREE, FAIR AND OPEN.

### § 4 Place and manner of elections.

#### Sec. 4.

- (1) Every citizen of the United States who is an elector qualified to vote in Michigan, IN ADDITION TO THOSE SPECIFIED IN ARTICLE I, SECTIONS 1, 2 AND 28 AND ARTICLE II, SECTION 1, shall have the following rights:
- (a) The right, once registered, to vote a secret ballot in all elections.
- (b) The right, if serving in the military or living overseas, to have an absent voter ballot sent to them at least forty-five (45) days before an election upon application.
- (c) The right, once registered, to a "straight party" vote option on partisan general election ballots. In partisan elections, the ballot shall include a position at the top of the ballot by which the voter may, by a single selection, record a straight party ticket vote for all the candidates of one (1) party. The voter may vote a split or mixed ticket.
- (d) The right to be automatically registered to vote as a result of conducting business with the secretary of state regarding a driver's license or personal identification card, unless the person declines such registration.
- (e) The right to register to vote for an election by mailing a completed voter registration application on or before the fifteenth (15th) day before that election to an election official authorized to receive voter registration applications.
- (f) The right to register to vote for an election by (1) appearing in person and submitting a completed voter registration application on or before the fifteenth (15th) day before that election to an election official authorized to receive voter registration applications, or (2) beginning on the fourteenth (14th) day before that election and continuing through the day of that election, appearing in person, submitting a completed voter registration application and providing proof of residency to an election official responsible for maintaining custody of the registration file where the person resides, or their deputies. Persons registered in accordance with subsection (1)(f) shall be immediately eligible to receive a regular or absent voter ballot.
- (g) The right, once registered, to vote an absent voter ballot without giving a reason, during the forty (40) days before an election, and the right to choose whether the absent voter ballot is applied for, received and submitted in person or by mail. During that time, election officials authorized to issue absent voter ballots shall be available in at least one (1) location IN EACH JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING ELECTIONS to issue and receive absent voter ballots during the election officials' regularly scheduled business hours and for at least eight (8) hours during the Saturday and/or Sunday FOR THE TWO WEEKENDS immediately prior to the election. Those election officials shall have the authority to make absent voter ballots available for voting in person at additional times and places beyond what is required herein.

- (h) The right to have the results of statewide elections audited, in such a manner as prescribed by law, to ensure the accuracy and integrity of elections.
- (I) THE RIGHT TO DEPOSIT SUCH VOTER'S ABSENT VOTER BALLOT AT A DROP BOX DURING THE FORTY (40) DAYS PRIOR TO, AND ENDING AT, THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY. THE ELECTION OFFICIALS IN EACH JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING AN ELECTION SHALL HAVE A SUFFICIENT NUMBER OF DROP BOXES, NOT FEWER THAN ONE PER 15,000 REGISTERED VOTERS, AVAILABLE FOR VOTERS TO DEPOSIT THEIR ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS 24 HOURS A DAY EACH DAY OF THE WEEK. THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, SETTING STANDARDS FOR SECURING THE DROP BOXES. DROP BOXES SHALL BE PLACED IN LOCATIONS THROUGHOUT THE JURISDICTION INTENDED TO MAXIMIZE ELECTOR ACCESS.

- (J) THE RIGHT TO OBTAIN AN UNSOLICITED ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION FROM THE SECRETARY OF STATE OR FROM ANY JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING AN ELECTION, WITH RESPECT TO ANY APPLICATION SENT BY ANY JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING AN ELECTION, THE JURISDICTION SHALL PERMIT RETURN OF SUCH APPLICATION AT NO COST TO THE VOTER VIA THE UNITED STATES POSTAL

SERVICE, WITH RESPECT TO ANY ABSENT VOTER BALLOT SENT BY ANY JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING AN ELECTION, THE JURISDICTION SHALL PERMIT RETURN OF SUCH BALLOT AT NO COST TO THE VOTER VIA THE UNITED STATES POSTAL SERVICE.

- (K) THE RIGHT TO VOTE IN PERSON, WHETHER (1) BY ABSENT VOTER BALLOT OR (2) AT A PRECINCT ON ELECTION DAY, USING ANY ONE OF THE FOLLOWING THREE METHODS OF VOTER VERIFICATION: BY PROVIDING A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT, BY SIGNING AN AFFIDAVIT, UNDER PENALTY OF PERJURY, THAT THE VOTER DOES NOT HAVE A PHOTO IDENTIFICATION DOCUMENT AND IS A REGISTERED VOTER, OR BY MATCHING THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE ON THE APPLICATION TO VOTE WITH THE VOTER'S SIGNATURE IN THE REGISTRATION RECORD.

All rights set forth in this subsection shall be self-executing. This subsection shall be liberally construed in favor of voters' rights in order to effectuate its purposes. Nothing contained in this subsection shall prevent the legislature from expanding voters' rights beyond what is provided herein. This subsection and any portion hereof shall be severable. If any portion of this subsection is held invalid or unenforceable as to any person or circumstance, that invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the validity, enforceability, or application of any other portion of this subsection.

- (2) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL PROMULGATE RULES, UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT, TO DETERMINE WHEN AND HOW EACH SUCH JURISDICTION MAY SECURELY PREPARE FOR TABULATION EACH ABSENT VOTER BALLOT DURING THE SEVEN DAYS PRIOR TO THE ELECTION, AS NECESSARY, SO THAT ALL ABSENT VOTER BALLOTS ARE TABULATED AS PROMPTLY AS POSSIBLE AFTER THE CLOSING OF THE POLLS ON ELECTION DAY.
- (3) NO LAW SHALL BE ENACTED WHICH WOULD HAVE THE FOLLOWING EFFECT:
  - (A) IMPOSING AN UNDUE BURDEN ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE OR INTERFERING WITH A PERSON'S OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE OR IMPOSING ANY QUALIFICATIONS ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE BEYOND THOSE SET FORTH IN ARTICLE II, SECTION 1 ABOVE. ANY PROPOSED LAW RESTRICTING OR LIMITING THE RIGHT TO VOTE SHALL BE NECESSARY AND NARROWLY TAILORED TO ACHIEVE A COMPELLING STATE INTEREST. THE BURDEN OF PROOF SHALL BE ON THE STATE TO DEMONSTRATE BOTH THE EXISTENCE OF A COMPELLING STATE INTEREST AND THE NECESSITY OF THE RESTRICTION ON THE RIGHT TO VOTE.
  - (B) BANNING ANY JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING ELECTIONS FROM ACCEPTING GRANTS, DONATIONS OR FREE IN-KIND CONTRIBUTIONS FROM PRIVATE PERSONS OR ORGANIZATIONS FOR ELECTION ADMINISTRATION OR EQUIPMENT, SO LONG AS THE ONLY REQUIREMENT FOR OBTAINING THE GRANT, DONATION OR FREE IN-KIND CONTRIBUTION IS THAT IT BE USED FOR SUCH PURPOSES.
  - (C) REQUIRING ANY VOTER REQUESTING AN ABSENT VOTER BALLOT APPLICATION OR VOTING BY ABSENT VOTER BALLOT TO DISCLOSE ALL OR PART OF THE VOTER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER OR DRIVER'S LICENSE NUMBER OR STATE IDENTIFICATION NUMBER OR PROVIDE A COPY OF ANY TYPE OF PHOTO IDENTIFICATION.
  - (D) ALLOWING ANY PERSON TO VIDEO OR ELECTRONICALLY RECORD A VOTER MARKING THE VOTER'S BALLOT.
  - (E) DISCRIMINATING AGAINST ANY MICHIGAN REGISTERED VOTER FROM SERVING AS A CERTIFIED ELECTION CHALLENGER AT A POLLING PLACE OR ABSENT VOTER COUNTING BOARD, WHO PRESENTS A CREDENTIAL ISSUED BY AN APPROVED PARTISAN OR NON-PARTISAN ORGANIZATION AS PROVIDED BY LAW, NOTWITHSTANDING THE ABOVE, A CANDIDATE FOR ELECTION TO AN OFFICE SHALL NOT SERVE AS A CHALLENGER AT THE ELECTION IN WHICH HE OR SHE IS A CANDIDATE.
  - (F) REQUIRING ANY VOTER FROM HAVING TO DISCLOSE ALL OR PART OF SUCH VOTER'S SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER ON SUCH VOTER'S REGISTRATION APPLICATION.
  - (4) Except as otherwise provided in this constitution or in the constitution or laws of the United States the legislature shall enact laws to regulate the time, place and manner of all nominations and elections, to preserve the purity of elections, to preserve the secrecy of the ballot, to guard against abuses of the elective franchise, and to provide for a system of voter registration and absentee voting. ANY LAW ENACTED WITH RESPECT TO ANY OF THE FOREGOING MATTERS, INCLUDING ANY LAW RELATING TO VOTING, WHOSE PURPOSE IS TO GUARD AGAINST ABUSES OF THE ELECTORAL PROCESS, SHALL BE SUPPORTED BY SPECIFIC LEGISLATIVE FINDINGS, BASED ON CLEAR, SUBSTANTIAL, AND CREDIBLE EVIDENCE, THAT ANY ABUSE IT IS INTENDED TO PREVENT HAS OCCURRED OR THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL LIKELIHOOD THAT IT WILL OCCUR. No law shall be enacted which permits a candidate in any partisan primary or partisan election to have a ballot designation except when required for identification of candidates for the same office who have the same or similar surnames.
  - (5) TO ENSURE THAT EVERY CITIZEN IN MICHIGAN WHO IS QUALIFIED TO VOTE SHALL HAVE THE OPPORTUNITY TO VOTE IN ALL ELECTIONS, THE STATE SHALL APPROPRIATE THE FUNDS AND RESOURCES NECESSARY TO GUARANTEE THE OPPORTUNITY TO EXERCISE THE RIGHT TO VOTE AND SUCH OTHER VOTING RIGHTS SPECIFIED IN THIS CONSTITUTION.
  - (6) THE SECRETARY OF STATE SHALL INFORM THE LEGISLATURE IF THE FUNDS AND RESOURCES PROVIDED BY THE STATE ARE NOT ADEQUATE TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. THE LEGISLATURE SHALL PROVIDE ADEQUATE FUNDING AND RESOURCES TO THE SECRETARY OF STATE AND/OR ANY JURISDICTION ADMINISTERING ELECTIONS TO CARRY OUT THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SECTION. ANY PROVISION OF THIS SECTION HELD INVALID SHALL BE SEVERABLE FROM THE REMAINING PORTIONS OF THIS SECTION.

**Provisions of existing Constitution altered or abrogated by the proposal  
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